

Disaster Life Cycle

Preparedness: actions taken **before** impact, including plans and preparations for disaster.

Response: actions taken **during** the initial impact of a disaster, including those to save lives and protect further property damage.

Recovery: actions taken **after** the initial impact, including those directed toward a return to normalcy.

Mitigation: activities that **prevent** a disaster, **reduce the chance** of it happening, or reduce its damaging effects.